Policy has been proposed or contemplated for the Government of Uttaranchal. The Targetted Public Distribution is applicable in the entire country under which subsidised foodgrains @ 35 kg. per month are made available to all APL/BPL & AAY card holders.

(b) and (c) No complaint on account of corruption prevailing in various depots of Food Corporation of India in the State of Uttaranchal has been received in last three years.

(d) Does not arise.

**Sale of wheat and rice at subsidized rates to exporters**

2445. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stocks of wheat and rice were sold from Central Pool by FCI to selected exporters at a highly subsidized rate to benefit them during April 2003 to May 2004;

(b) if so, the details of the exporters to whom wheat and rice were sold at highly subsidized rate indicating the rate at which sold;

(c) the countries to which wheat and rice were exported and whether they were disposed off in the local market; and

(d) whether a CBI enquiry was ordered into the matter and if so, whether CBI has given its findings and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) During April 2003 to May 2004, wheat and rice were sold to Central/State PSUs and accredited Private exporters who approached the Food Corporation of India, without making any distinction amongst them.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The countries to which wheat and rice were exported are given in Statement I and II respectively (*See* below).

Few cases of diversion to the local market have come to notice and necessary penal action like encashment of Bank Guarantees recovery of differential amounts and blacklisting of parties were taken against all such cases as per Statement III (*See* below)

(d) CBI has instituted an enquiry in the matter but has not given its findings.

***Statement-I***

*Name of the countries to which foodgrains exported from India*

WHEAT

| Sl.No. | Countries |
|---|---|
| 1. | Bangladesh |
| 2. | Angola |
| 3. | Bahrain |
| 4. | Camroon |
| 5. | Comoros |
| 6. | Congo |
| 7. | Eritrea |
| 8. | Croatia |
| 9. | Czechrepublic |
| 10. | Daman |
| 11. | DJI Bouti |
| 12. | Dubai |
| 13. | East Africa |
| 14. | Egypt |
| 15. | Ethiopia |
| 16. | Zambia |
| 17. | Germany |
| 18. | Hong Kong |
| 19. | Indonesia |
| 20. | Iran |
| 21. | Iraq |
| 22. | Ivory Coast |
| 23. | Kango |
| 24. | Kenya |
| 25. | Kuwait |
| 26. | Latvia |
| 27. | Lebanon |
| 28. | U.K. |
| 29. | Madagascar |
| 30. | Malaysia |
| 31. | Maldives |

| Sl.No. | Countries |
|---|---|
| 32. | Mozambique |
| 33. | Nigeria |
| 34. | Oman |
| 35. | Philippines |
| 36. | Poland |
| 37. | Quatar |
| 38. | Russia |
| 39. | Saudi Arabia |
| 40. | Seychelles |
| 41. | Senegal |
| 42. | Singapore |
| 43. | Somalia |
| 44. | South Africa |
| 45. | Sri Lanka |
| 46. | Sudan |
| 47. | Sweden |
| 48. | Switzerland |
| 49. | Tanzania |
| 50. | Togo |
| 51. | UAE/Sharjah |
| 52. | Ukraine |
| 53. | Guyana |
| 54. | West Africa |
| 55. | Yemen |
| 56. | Zimbabwe |
| 57. | Italy |
| 58. | Nepal |
| 59. | Namibia |
| 60. | Spain |
| 61. | Australia |
| 62. | U.S.A. |
| 63. | Lithuania |

***Statement-II***

*Name of the countries to which foodgrains exported from India*

RICE

| Sl.No. | Countries |
|---|---|
| 1. | Bangladesh |
| 2. | Bahrain |
| 3. | Egypt |
| 4. | Indonesia |
| 5. | Myanmar |
| 6. | Oman |
| 7. | Philippines |
| 8. | Quatar |
| 9. | South Korea |
| 10. | Sri Lanka |
| 11. | Sudan |
| 12. | UAE |
| 13. | Vietnam |
| 14. | Yemen |
| 15. | Jordan |
| 16. | Abudhabi |
| 17. | Malaysia |
| 18. | Taiwan |
| 19. | Kuwait |
| 20. | Iraq |
| 21. | Singapore |
| 22. | Thailand |
| 23. | Russia |
| 24. | Bhutan |
| 25. | Ethiopia |
| 26. | Armenia |
| 27. | Nepal |
| 28. | Tanzania |
| 29. | Djibouti |
| 30. | Eritrea |
| 31. | Zanzibar |
| 32. | Dubai |
| 33. | South Africa |

***Statement-III***

*Action Taken Report on submission of forged documents by exporters in export of foodgrains from Central Pool*

1. M/s. Exports, Bhopal (M.P.) had submitted forged document for supply of 2000 Mt rice issued on February, 2003 from Patiala Notice has been served on Dena Bank, MP Nagar, Bhopal, for encashment of Bank Guarantee furnished by the party valuing Rs. 12.00 lakh and Rs. 75 lakh, within the validity period. However, the payment is yet to be remitted by the Dena bank despite repeated reminders/notices. CBI Bhopal has also registered a case in this regard against this party.

2. M/s. Singhal Exporters, Bhopal, submitted export documents in District office, Ferozepur for supply of 2745 MTs of par-boiled rice, issued in February, 2003. Bank Guarantee worth Rs. 90 lakh furnished by the party, was found forged by the Bank and the case is reported to be under investigation of the CBI, Bhopal as informed by Dena Bank, Bhopal.

3. M/s. City Shoes, an associate of NCCF had diverted 2200 MTs of raw rice out of a quantity of 12,500 MTs of rice allotted to them between March and July, 2002. This is under investigaiton by the CBI.FCI has recovered the difference between the Open Market Sales Schemes (Domestic) price and effective export price for the above mentioned quantity from NCCF.

4. M/S. A.K. Flour Mills Pvt. Ltd., Ankleswar, District Bharuch, Gujarat had submitted forged and fabricated exports documents for 1820 MTs of wheat and the party failed to submit documents of another 500 MT wheat (total default 2320 MTs). Bank Guarantees worth Rs. 54,40,000/- towards differential cost of foodgrains has been encashed. Besides, FIR was also lodged against the party and Money Suit filed for Rs. 12,90,792/- recoverable from the Party against Differential cost plus interest at the rate of 18% Matter pending with Court. The said party has been black-listed by the FCI.

5. In Haryana Region M/s. Hemant International. Kurukshetra submitted forged documents for the quantity of 2000 MT Raw Rice supplied in September, 2002 and Bank Guarantee for sum of Rs. 71,80,000/- was encashed besides, differential cost was also recovered by the District Office Kurukshetra. Now, District Office, Kurukshetra has intimated that after investigation, the local police has closed the case as there is no loss to Food Corporation of India.

6. NCCF, Kolkata, had submitted forged export document for the quantity of 534.406 MT of wheat issued from West Bengal region of export to Bhutan *vide* allocation order dated 11.06.2002/ 27.06.2002. The differential cost of foodgrains with interest stands recovered from the exporter as per the policy instructions.

**Foodgrains scams**

†2446. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scam regarding foodgrains has taken place;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years; and

(c) the action taken by Government with regard to each of the scams alongwith the status of enquiry being conducted into each of them as on date?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Few instances of irregularities regarding procurement and distribution in foodgrains have come to the notice of the Government during the last two years. The details of these instances and the aciton taken by the concerned authorities are shown at Statement. (*See* below).

(c) In all the cases, action has been instituted as shown in the Statement.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.